

### Training Camp For Young Men

Young men between the ages of 17 and 24 years from Los Angeles county who attend Citizens' Military Training Camps at Del Monte or Fort Winfield Scott next July, in addition to the training they receive and the athletics and other diversions they enjoy, are to be given a chance to win medals, and even the finest and most up-to-date radio set that the American Radio Corporation can turn out.

Announcement just made by Colonel E. V. Smith, chief of staff, 91st Division, at the Presidio of San Francisco, who will command this year's camps, is to the effect that Major General James G. Harbord (retired), now president of the Radio Corporation of America, has promised the finest set his corporation can produce as a reward to the young man at this year's camps making the best showing in radio. Tests to determine the winner will be conducted under direction of the Signal Corps of the regular army, and it will be open to any radio "bug" among the thousand young men in attendance.

A bronze medal, something to be treasured throughout life, will be given to each of ten young men who prove to be the most soldierly in their companies. These are the gift of the Military Training Camp Association of the Nation and will be awarded with due military pomp and ceremony at the close of the camps. There will be other prizes and awards in athletic competitions.

Colonel Smith strongly urges young Californians who desire to attend, to rush their applications without delay to Headquarters 91st Division, Presidio of San Francisco. The camps are without cost to the students. Everything, including transportation to and from their homes, training under experts of the regular army, medical attendance, recreation, food, clothing and equipment will be provided by the War Department.

#### FESS GROCERY MOVED

The Fess Grocery opened its doors Monday morning in its new location at the Masonic Building, with new fixtures, a fresh line of groceries, fruits and vegetables, and a meat department, under the charge of J. M. Roberts of Los Angeles. The store is very swell and is inviting in every particular by the neat arrangement of groceries and meats.

#### HOTEL ERWIN NEWS

Miss Margaret Kelley of Pasadena visited with Miss Margaret McNulty Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Six and children of Los Angeles visited Sunday with Mrs. Six's mother, Mrs. L. La Trace.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Clarke of Vancouver, B. C., were new comers at the Erwin Monday.

Mrs. L. La Trace of the Hotel Erwin visited Tuesday at Point Firmin.

Ed Bryant of Toronto, Canada, registered at the Hotel Erwin Monday.

H. L. Sweet, publicity manager of the Chautauqua, is stopping at the Erwin.

About sixteen members of the Fox Film Corporation were guests of the Erwin last week, during the making of pictures at the Llewellyn Iron Works.

Thurlock Patterson and Charles Willoughby, well known musicians, are making a short stay at the Erwin.

S. O. Dean of Amarillo, Texas, is a recent arrival at the Erwin.

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### Contractor Coming From Selma, Calif.

A stimulant to the building boom will be felt here about May first when J. P. Olsen, contractor and builder, of Selma, California, will arrive in Torrance to complete ten houses for the Torrance Investment Company. These new residences will be four and five rooms and moderately priced. As advance information Mr. Olsen states that if building operations here warrant the expenditure he will erect a small planing mill in order to more effectively handle the work.

The first house built by the Torrance Investment Company was completed Monday on Amapola and Eighth street.

#### "VAMPS" WHO MADE HISTORY

By JAMES C. YOUNG.

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#### THE GIRL WHO WON AND RULED A KING.

WE HEAR a great deal today about the iniquitous vampire. It is one of the curious sidelights of history that the vampire has helped to shape the destinies of the greatest men and empires. And certainly none of the famous women who might answer to that description had a stranger beginning than a little girl born at Paris in 1721. Her supposed father was Francois Polsson, an officer in the household of the Duke of Orleans. But common report held that her real father was a great financier of the time, who undertook to direct the girl's education. It is said that in her early youth he recognized in her a spark of genius and shaped the girl's education so that some day she might be the king's mistress.

At the age of twenty this girl was married to a nephew of her protector and became the belle of the wealthiest circles in Paris business life. But that was a long way from the court, which she never entered until chance threw her in the way of Louis XV, at a public ball. He was captivated and not long afterward the young bride cast aside her husband for a doubtful position at Versailles. Louis bought her an estate and from this she took the name by which she became famous—the Duchess de Pompadour.

Pompadour was a woman of undoubted genius. She paid court to the literary leaders of her time, notably Voltaire, and soon became a power in the realm. This power she extended by every possible means, corresponding regularly with generals in the field, dabbling in affairs of state, and finally becoming the uncrowned queen of France.

For years French policy had been to oppose Austria by alliances with the German states. Because Frederick the Great wrote scurrilous verses about Pompadour she swore to be avenged, and when Maria Theresa of Austria wrote her a friendly letter, she upset France's national policy overnight, forming an alliance with Austria. This brought on the disastrous Seven Year's war and indirectly prepared France for the troubles which ended in the Revolution.

Pompadour did not live to see the working out of her statecraft.

When a fateful illness overtook her, at the age of forty-two, she calmly heard the doctor's sentence, had herself dressed in court costume, and bravely lay down to meet her fate.

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#### PROCTOR-SILVA

The marriage of Edward Proctor of Torrance to Miss Margaret Silva of Oxnard was solemnized in Los Angeles Monday at noon. The couple came to Torrance in the afternoon and will reside here. Mr. Proctor is employed by the Tolson Transfer Company and his bride is an accomplished young lady well known in Oxnard, and is a sister of Mrs. H. M. Tolson.

The groom was the victim of a huge joke at the hands of his friends here Monday night when Mose Tolson and his bunch of men seized the shy benedict, handcuffed him, locked a heavy chain to his ankle and had him chained to the flag pole in Memorial Square. A crowd of two hundred jesters congregated around him, many sympathizing with his predicament but not able to suppress a smile.

Many girls are going on hiking trips, but not many of them are turning down invitations to ride in automobiles.

The girls are trying to study up how to get more beautiful hands. Exercise at the washtub is said to be very helpful to that end.

#### TODAY'S REFLECTIONS

The politicians feel deeper and deeper interest in the common people as election day draws near.

The report that the girls are going to uncover their ears again does not prove you can get them to listen to any good advice.

Many voters can't spend time on reading the political news but they can always decide how to vote by snapping up a cent.

The summer theatres are putting in cooling systems and the summer political orators are in need of the same.

Among those who oppose injunctions are the kids who refuse to come down out of the fruit trees when they are shouted at by indignant householders.

Discussion as to who "won" the war seems rather inappropriate in view of all the troubles that have broken loose since it closed, but there is room for an argument as to who got the worst licking.

### Highwaymen Will "Hon to Hindio"

When the State Highway Commissioners, Messrs. Everding and Edwards, with their engineers, Morton and Patch, were there inspecting the highwork that is rapidly nearing completion, they were invited to attend the "Hon to Hindio" celebration that will be given on or about May 10th.

They expressed their desire and intention of accepting the invitation if within the range of possibility. The "Hon to Hindio" celebration is to be given in appreciation of the new state highway between there and Banning and will be the milestone of progress in the Coachella Valley from which all things will date (either before or after) from that time on. It will be the day upon which the land "where dates grow" will be connected up with the outside world and when its development will really begin.

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Herbert Rawlinson in "Another Man's Shoes"  
Buster Keaton in "NEIGHBORS"  
Reginald Denny in  
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